

New Headquarters Found For Retarded Children

Monday was moving day for the Southwest Association for Retarded Children. The association vacated their former administrative headquarters at 17929 Amie Ave. at the request of the Torrance City Council.

A request for a zoning variance permitting the temporary use of a single-family residence for office space was denied by the council after residents protested.

New location for the Southwest Association's headquarters is on the second floor of the Capitol Building at Hawthorne and Lomita Boulevards.

LeVane Forsythe, association president said that the 1,150-square-foot, air-conditioned office was made available to the association by Mr. and Mrs. Telo Koletos, owners of the building.

"IN ADDITION, Mr. Koletos is carpeting and putting up office partitions at his own expense," Forsythe said.

"Of course, this only solves part of our problem," Forsythe added. "We are still working desperately to find a new site for our proposed \$300,000 training center."

Site location is being handled

Builder May Get HUD Post

R.A. (Ray) Watt, 49, a prominent Southland builder who has built several thousand homes and apartments in the Torrance area, is in line to join the Nixon Administration, according to reports circulating here this week.

Officials in the Administration have, however, refused to comment on the reports.

Watt reportedly will be nominated for the post of assistant secretary for mortgage credit in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Headquarters of the Watt firm are located in Gardena. Watt was named Homebuilder of the Year in 1968.

Pier Avenue Improvement Authorized

Plans for the widening and improvement of Pier Avenue in Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach have been approved, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

Supervisors called for bids, which will be opened on March 11, after approving the plans last Tuesday.

Included in the project will be widening of Pier, between Artesia Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway, to four lanes. This will provide for a daily traffic capacity of 26,000 vehicles.

Court Dedication Slated

Tickets for a luncheon commemorating the dedication of the San Pedro County Court Buildings are on sale at the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon will precede ceremonies officially opening the courthouse, 505 S. Centre St., Friday, Feb. 28. The meal will be served in the new building.

"This will be a significant day in the history of San Pedro and the entire harbor area," Supervisor Burton W. Chace said.

A limited number of tickets are available at the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce for the luncheon to be held at 12:30 p.m.

Reservations may be made by telephoning TE 2-7272. Tickets will not be sold at the door.



MOVING DAY . . . Members of the Southwest Association for Retarded Children relocated the group's headquarters Monday. Mrs. Alfred Burke (left), past president of the association, helps Wayne Welge, manager of the Southwest Development Center, and Helen Orosz, administrative secretary, load office furniture for the move. New headquarters are located in the Capitol Building at Hawthorne and Lomita boulevards.

. . . Blimp

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Genet, "If you don't get a pilot here, I'm going to blow this thing skyhigh."

Genet said "when he told me he had a bomb I just let the door slam shut and went to call the sheriff's office."

AS MORE and more Sheriff's units, newsmen, and fire department personnel arrived, Good-year pilots and officials paced the walk in front of the office incessantly. Broadway from Main to 180th Street was cordoned off by the Highway Patrol.

Shortly after 8 p.m. the bomb squad arrived and as sheriff's units moved silently across the grass landing field to positions approximately 100 yards off, Lt. William F. Carlton of the Firestone Station and Sgt. Art Hicks of the bomb squad went to the gondola door to talk to the 20-to-25-year-old hijacker.

"When I heard that bomb playing music I was pretty happy," Lt. Carlton said later, a smile on his face. Hicks reached in and took the youth's guitar out and finally talked the stranger out.

"HARRISON" emerged as newsmen came galloping up—maybe as graceful as the blimp on land. He was wearing a medallion, bell-bottom trousers, shirt and light blue sun-glasses. A two-day growth of beard surrounded his mouth and cheeks and his lips were etched in green.

"I was brushing my teeth," he said happily. "I'm a vegetarian. I use plant matter for toothpaste." Asked his name, he replied "I'm Beatle (singing star) George Harrison."

He claimed they (the Beatles) weren't going to make any more records, "we lose money" and that no more would be sold. He and his friends were living in Laguna Beach "on a hill," and that as he flew over in the blimp he was going to wave to them.

No damage was done to the craft, one of two in existence, the other being based in the east. Goodyear spokesmen reported only a little "nerve damage" on their part.

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McCarthy Club Sets Meeting

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Newly elected officers of the club are Mike Herrera, president; Jay Johnson, vice president; Carol Conroy, corresponding secretary; Carolyn Spires, recording secretary; and Rick Schwartz, treasurer.

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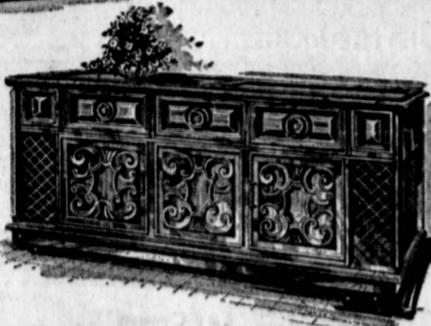


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